

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 971

Introduced by Assembly Member Chang
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(Coauthors: Senators Bates and Nguyen)

February 26, 2015

An act to amend Section 13001 of the Elections Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 971, as introduced, Chang. Payment of expenses.

Existing law requires all expenses authorized and necessarily incurred to prepare for and conduct an election to be paid from the county treasuries, except as otherwise provided.

This bill would require expenses authorized and necessarily incurred to prepare for and conduct certain vacancy elections to be paid by the state, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 13001 of the Elections Code is amended
2 to read:
3 13001. ~~At~~(a) *Except as provided in subdivision (b), all*
4 *expenses authorized and necessarily incurred in the preparation*
5 *for, and conduct of, elections as provided in this code shall be paid*
6 *from the county treasuries, except that when an election is called*
7 *by the governing body of a city the expenses shall be paid from*

1 the treasury of the city. All payments *under this subdivision* shall
2 be made in the same manner as other county or city expenditures
3 are made. ~~The~~
4 (b) (1) *All expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or*
5 *after January 1, 2015, in preparation for, and conduct of, elections*
6 *called by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the following offices*
7 *shall be paid by the state:*
8 (A) *State Senator.*
9 (B) *Member of the Assembly.*
10 (C) *United States Senator.*
11 (D) *Member of the United States House of Representatives.*
12 (2) *If a vacancy election for an office specified in this*
13 *subdivision is consolidated with a statewide or local election, only*
14 *those additional expenses directly related to the vacancy election*
15 *shall be paid by the state.*
16 (c) *The elections official, in providing the materials required*
17 *by this division, need not utilize the services of the county or city*
18 *purchasing agent.*